GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SCIENTIFIC FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce scientific farming for increase in productivity in fisheries, poultry and piggery products especially for the self employment/upliftment of the backward communities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have banned using of certain antibiotics on shrimp, hatcheries and processors;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) its impact on the export of these items?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The Government is implementing the schemes of Development of Freshwater Aquaculture, and Integrated Coastal Aquaculture to increase the production of fish and the productivity of fishermen and the fish farmer through technical, financial and extension support. Similarly, the Government has been implementing the Schemes of Assistance to States for Poultry/Duck Farms, and Assistance for Piggery Development to increase the productivity of poultry/piggery farmers through introduction of improved and exotic breeds. These schemes help in supplementing the income of backward section of the society who are primarily engaged in these activities.

(c)&(d): As per the guidelines issued by Government of India in 1995, antibiotics are not to be used in shrimp farming activities. Further, Government of India vide Notification dated 17th August 2001 has specified a limit of maximum residue level of various antibiotics in sea food production. Government has also imposed a condition in the sanitary import permit that feed for aquaculture should be free from any chemical residues including antibiotics.

(e): Compliance with international standards on hygiene and food safety such as non use of banned antibiotics, may help India to be competitive.